

Heat Continues in the Intermountain West, Briefly Reaches the Midwest

Updated through August 19, 2000

A summer-long heat wave in the Intermountain West and the central High Plains brought at least two Colorado stations to within a few days of all-time records for days of 90°F heat in a calendar year (left column, top). Owing to the heat's persistence, numerous Western stations experienced record-setting periods of continuous high temperatures (left column). Meanwhile in the Midwest, a brief early- to mid-August warming trend brought some locations their first 90°F heat of the season and warmest weather since September 1999 (right column).

Number of Days Per Year with Highs at or Above 90°F

Location	2000 Total	Normal	Record/Year
Grand Jct., CO	79 days ^X	64	90 in 1977
Denver, CO	53 days ^X	33	60 in 1994
N. Platte, NE	48 days ^X	34	67 in 1934 and 1936

Latest First Occurrence of 90°F Heat on Record

Location	High (°F)/Date	Previous Record
Champaign, IL	90°F on August 9	July 16, 1915
Springfield, IL	91°F on August 15	July 16, 1904
Peoria, IL	91°F on August 14	July 22, 1960
Rockford, IL	91°F on August 15	August 3, 1958

Consecutive Days with Highs at or Above 105°F

Location	Number of Days/Dates	Previous Record/Dates
Las Vegas, NV	21, July 18 - August 7	21 days, July 1957 and June-July 1973

Latest First Occurrence of 90°F Heat Since...

Location	High (°F)/Date	Latest Since...
Indianapolis, IN	90°F on August 9	September 1, 1960
Chicago, IL	92°F on August 15	September 14, 1915

Consecutive Days with Highs at or Above 100°F

Location	Number of Days/Dates	Previous Record/Dates
Moab, UT	38, July 11 - August 17	30 days, July-August 1980

Consecutive Days with Highs at or Above 95°F

Location	Number of Days/Dates	Previous Record/Dates
Grand Jct., CO	28, July 18 - August 14	23 days, July 9-31, 1994

Consecutive Days with Highs at or Above 90°F

Location	Number of Days/Dates	Previous Record/Dates
Ely, NV	21, July 19 - August 8	17 days, July 8-24, 1988

First 90°F Reading Since...

Location	High (°F)/Date	Previous Date
Peoria, IL	91°F on August 14	September 4, 1999
Rockford, IL	91°F on August 15	September 4, 1999
Champaign, IL	90°F on August 9	September 5, 1999
Chicago, IL	92°F on August 15	September 5, 1999
Springfield, IL	91°F on August 15	September 25, 1999
Indianapolis, IN	90°F on August 9	September 28, 1999

Consecutive Days with Highs at or Above 80°F

Location	Number of Days/Dates	Previous Record/Dates
Helena, MT	44, July 7 - August 19	38 days, July 18 - August 24, 1967

X = Updated through August 19.

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Departure of Average Temperature from Normal (°F)

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